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SHELTON STATE ANNOUNCES "OPERATION FAMILY SHIELD" PLANS

With war in the Middle East and the increasing number of West Alabamians called to active duty, the role of Shelton State Community College as a support network for the families of these reservists and guardsmen in our area is increasing daily, according to Humphrey Lee, dean of students at the college.

At the September meeting of the State Board of Education, "Operation Family Shield," which consists of three separate policies and procedures, was unanimously adopted by the board. The board's action provides for a 100 percent tuition refund to students called to active duty and a tuition waiver policy for their spouses and dependents in recognition of the financial hardships that some families may experience. In addition, each college will also provide family group counseling services as well as other types of support services for these families.

"During the Christmas holidays, the college's Student Government Association collected food for four families in Greene County who had sons and a daughter in Saudi Arabia. At least one of the classes at the college has already written letters of support to the men and women of this area called to active duty," said Lee.

"As the community's college, it is the role of Shelton State to respond to the needs of the people of this area," Lee said.

"The resolution passed by the State Board of Education is very broad in scope. We know there are unique needs each of these families may be experiencing, needs that we may be unaware of and yet, areas where the college may be of assistance."

"Currently, we are compiling a list of people in our service area who have a spouse, son or daughter in Saudi Arabia. In addition, a family support group is meeting weekly at the college and open to anyone who would like to come. For additional information, contact Lucy Kubiszyn, 391-2221."

SERVICES TO SHELTON'S OFF-CAMPUS STUDENTS ENHANCED BY TOLL-FREE NUMBER

A toll-free number is now available for students who are interested in or are taking classes at Shelton State's four off-campus locations. This number was developed to increase communication between off-campus program students and the college. Shelton has off-campus programs in Boligee, Centerville, Greensboro, and Eutaw. If you know of persons who would be interested in taking classes at these sites, have them call: 1-800-239-SSCC. If you have questions about this program call Jim Purcell at 391-2323.

THE ADOPT-A-SCHOOL COMMITTEE THANKS SHELTON STATE

Because of your commitment to quality education, our community is a much better place in which to live. The children in the Tuscaloosa County area are receiving the benefit of a direct, one-on-one involvement with excellent role models and are provided with challenging opportunities they would otherwise not be receiving." Dr. Umphrey is most appreciative of each of you who help with the adopt-a-school committee and "Vestavia Comes to College."

ART ON EXHIBIT IN LIBRARY ON SKYLAND BOULEVARD

"Nashville Babylon: Images on Fan Fair" is still on exhibit in the library. Beginning February 1-28, the exhibit will be "Watercolor and Graphic Art" by Paul Womack.

SHELTON STATE MEN'S BASKETBALL

Shelton Basketball team will play Concordia here at 7:00 p.m. on the 28th of January.

ARTICULATION DAY WEDNESDAY, JAN. 30 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. SKYLAND CAMPUS

SHELTON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE PURCHASES LAND FOR FUTURE SITE OF NEW CAMPUS

Calling it the second most important event in the history of the college, Shelton State President Tom Umphrey announced recently the purchase of 170 acres of land. This property, which is located approximately three miles south of the college Skyland Boulevard Campus, will be the site of Shelton's proposed new campus.

"On January 29, 1979, through an act of the Alabama Legislature, Shelton State Community College was created. However, the history of the college actually began in 1963. Through the combined efforts of J. P. Shelton, A. K. (Temo) Callahan, both members of the Alabama Legislature, and George Wallace who was the governor of Alabama in 1963, Shelton State Technical college was created that year, Umphrey said.

"However, I find it ironic that now, almost exactly 12 years to the day that Shelton State Community College was established, our dream of a new campus is coming to pass," Umphrey said.

"We owe a great deal to our state legislative delegation, especially Representative Roy Johnson, Representative Phil Poole, and Senator Ryan DeGraffenreid, for their efforts in securing the necessary funds for the purchase of this property. An additional thanks is due Dr. Fred Gainous, Chancellor of the Alabama College System, for his support of this project," Umphrey said.

The property which belonged to the Robert Elias Spiller family and was originally deeded to Elias Payne, is located on the old Alabama Highway 69. Shelton State paid the Spiller family \$6800 an acre for the property.

"In the long run, consolidating our campuses will provide a cost savings to the people of the state as it will be far more economically feasible to operate than the separate existing campuses.

Money for the new campus will come from private and public sources according to Umphrey. "We will begin construction as soon as possible. We will liquidate the property the college owns on the Skyland and Fifteenth Street Campuses. Shelton will also float its own bond issue. We will also look to the federal and state governments for funding. As the only two year college in the state that has never received money for a new campus, we believe Shelton's time is long over due."

"In addition, the college will also look to the West Alabama community for the support needed to build the new campus. We hope to work closely with the West Alabama Chamber of Commerce, Tuscaloosa County Industrial Development Authority, West Alabama Planning and Development, the TUSCALOOSA NEWS, the Shelton State Foundation, and Shelton State Advisory Committee over the next several years."

We believe that through the combined efforts we can build the type of community college this area wants and deserves. Our planning projections show Shelton State can grow and eventually serve over 10,000 students from this area.

We are continuing the comprehensive planning process initiated at the college several years ago in order to design a plan that will meet the growing needs of the college. We will continue to be as cost conscious as possible in the construction of a new campus. I am sure we will continue to do a lot of work ourselves.

"We realize this is not the most opportune time to talk of new campus with proration in the state, the gulf conflict, and other problems facing the community. However, Shelton State has been working toward this goal for a long time. As financing becomes available, we will continue to move forward," Umphrey said.

"On this memorable occasion, I would like to provide a special thanks to the faculty, staff and students of the college. They are the ones who have brought us to where we are today and they will carry us forward in the future."

DRUID ARTS AWARDS

Dance Volunteer for 1991, an award sponsored by Druid Arts, was presented to Barbara Barban, a Senior Adult student in the Shelton State Department of Dance, at a luncheon in honor of the 1991 recipients. "Mrs. Barban, who has two grandchildren, did not begin dancing until she was in her forties and is an inspiration to all those who dance with her. A firm believer in the value of the arts in the lives of all people whatever their age, Barbara received this award for her services to the community through the support she has given to the Shelton State Department of Dance," said Louise Crofton, dance instructor.

THE 16TH ANNUAL MID-WINTER CHIEFS CONFERENCE IS JAN. 28TH THROUGH FEBRUARY 1 AT THE ALABAMA FIRE COLLEGE.